

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

FROM WOMAN'S
POINT OF VIEW

"Why do some women have perpetual company and others long for it without results?" asked a young housewife who is finding the hours between her husband's departure in the morning and his return at night rather monotonous. "Because," company is encouraged at the beginning," I answered. "If you make guests welcome, feed them well, amuse them, and finally hold out the certainty of meeting agreeable persons at all hours, you have nothing of which to complain."

It means a deal of care and work to keep open house, and each woman must decide for herself whether the results justify the efforts. It means that the house must be put in the pink of condition early in the morning, the larder fully stocked, and the whole house open to inspection. It means that callers must receive hospitality even when the hostess is absent, because they come long distances sometimes. It does not necessarily mean that there be more than one spare bed, for house guests are specially invited. Only the casual guest is put up without preparation.

If a woman has interests outside of entertaining she cannot live like that. If she is musical there must be time for practice; if artistic, she must devote a part of her day to painting. A writer must have specified hours for work, and the woman who sews to any extent cannot be interrupted at every hour of the day. Those who do a part of all of their own household cannot dress for company in the early morning or be ready to lay extra covers at any meal or even serve extra meals like afternoon tea and late suppers.

There are disadvantages to everything. It would seem, and when a busy woman entertains it must be at appointed times. She must plan her meals and then invite her guests, have an afternoon at home each week, and keep her friends posted on her habit. She will then get as much sociability as she requires, and peace of mind, which is more to the purpose. It costs a good deal to keep open house, for one never cares to offer less than the best to friends whom one wants to retain, and if the income is limited it is a strain to make it cover expenses which, after all, are unnecessary. The spirit of hospitality can be maintained in more modest fashion.

BETTY BRADEN.

TRICKS TO MAKE YOU
APPEAR WELL GOWNED.

From the St. Louis Republic.
Use hairpins, visible, invisible, and all kinds.

Wear a net or thin veil to keep in vagrant locks.

Cleanse your face with cream every night before going to bed.

Keep your shoes polished and don't allow the heels to become run over.

Wear immaculate neckwear, a clean shirt waist, and gloves without holes.

Don't allow the public glimpses of a soiled white skirt or a shredded silk one.

Don't display a hole in your stocking right above your heel when you hold up your dress.

Don't go around with soiled nails or nails that are as vindictively long as a mandarin's.

Don't wear your collar pins awry, and don't forget to sew on missing buttons.

Don't wear a veil with a slit across the face, and don't wear one at all unless you can adjust it neatly.

But above all, look at your back in the glass before you start out; the punishment of Lot's wife does not await you if you do.

DICTATES OF FASHION.

The new colors are all subdued, delicacy and refinement adding charm to their beauty.

Jet buttons are a favorite mode of adding the invaluable touch of black to a colored garment.

The new felt hats are lovely, the felt in many cases being difficult to distinguish from cloth.

The newest cologne is flat in front and piled heavily over the ears. It is called the Britany.

Many of the handsomest silk gowns have printed borders which work well in the new draperies.

Wide waist serges and other coarse weaves are worn by girls more than the smooth cloths.

The spherical button in gilt and also in silver is appearing among the novelties in dress trimming.

Black waives are popular and are shown in net crepe, voile, messaline, taffeta, moire, and satin.

An extremely smart white felt hat with a brim that dips on one side has two quills as sole trimming.

There is little limitation upon the length of sleeves, but the general tendency is toward shorter ones.

Coats for fancy wear have lace insertion on the collar. It is usually placed to form an inset panel. Again, lace is used on the cuffs, entirely covering them, and a belt is designed of lace on the cloth and cut to point low at the front. All pieces are stitched to the pocket.

Tax on Bachelors.

From the London Globe.
The Sobranje of Bulgaria has passed a law imposing a tax of about 12 shillings a year on all unmarried men who are thirty years old or older. At Tirnovo, the ancient capital, it has been a custom for many years to humiliate unmarried men.

On the first Monday in Lent all marriageable men who had not selected life partners in the carnival season were beaten on sight with inflated pig's bladders. The bachelors always dreaded the day, while the girls looked forward to it with pleasure. Since the tax act has been passed the bachelors of Tirnovo have entered a formal protest against the continuance of the practice. They want the chastisement declared unlawful.

Jellied Duck.

Chop the left-over meat and stuffing from yesterday's roast duck into coarse pieces. Boil the bones down in water until a thick stock results. Cool a little of it, and if it jellies sufficiently to stand alone, pour the rest over the meat. If not, add as much gelatine as is needed to stiffen it. Season the mixture with pepper and salt. Put it in a mold and set on crushed ice. When hard, turn it out and garnish it with stars of currant jelly or rosettes of stiff mayonnaise.

MORNING CHIT-CHAT.

AN exclusive and wealthy woman's club in Chicago has a very novel programme for this year.

It has pledged itself as a club and as individuals to expend its energies in the effort to make its daughters good housewives.

These daughters, most of whom are society girls, are to be taught to be capable and economical housewives, to cook simple, wholesome, appetizing meals, to make nice dishes from left-overs, and to know how to select good meat and the right kind of vegetables.

It is a splendid programme and one that, it seems to me, all the women's clubs in the land might take up some year to good advantage.

And before they go back to their Browning and elvish reform and milk inspection, I have another suggestion for them.

Suppose, after they have provided themselves with housewifely daughters, they attempt to provide themselves and the community with some well-mannered sons.

Suppose, after they have taught their daughters to cook simple, wholesome food, they teach their sons not to manure their nails in public.

I wish some one would kindly tell just why it is that although a woman of all breeding at all never thinks of attending to her nails anywhere outside of her own home, men who come of good families and, supposedly, have been well brought up, will walk up and down their offices or sit in the train, calmly filing their nails.

Suppose, after they have taught their daughters to make nice dishes from left-overs, they teach their sons to use dental floss instead of a toothpick, and to use neither in public.

Suppose, they attempt to turn loose in the world a few men who never fall to rise when a woman—especially an older woman—enters the room, and who even occasionally go so far as to remain standing until she is seated.

Suppose they try to supply a few young men who never fail to say good-night to their hostess' mother and father at the end of an evening call.

Suppose, they bring up a few boys who instinctively take off their hats in an elevator where there are women.

And suppose, if they have time to go a bit deeper, they see what they can do toward breeding a race of men who never allow themselves to speak slightly of women.

On the whole, I think the community will be quite as much benefited by such a programme as if its women's clubs had spent the winter reading Browning or trying to help keep their city's streets clean.

Maybe you think I am laying too much stress on manners! Maybe you say manners don't make the man.

No, granted they don't; but the lack of them certainly mars him.

RUTH CAMERON.

FASHIONS EVEN IN
LINGERIE RIBBONS.

From the St. Louis Republic.
Laundress or lingerie ribbons are markedly worn than were those formerly in general use.

The majority of the threadings for the tops of underwaists, chemises, and combination garments are an inch wide, while those used on petticoat flounces, night robes, and negligees measure fully two inches across.

This fashion materially increases the expense of keeping up the lingerie that the care of the reserve supply of delicately tinted ribbons is of importance.

As it is more economical to purchase these ribbons by the bolt, they should be kept rolled up in their original paper ribbons, which should be extended as nearly as possible to the outer end of the roll.

Long-eyed bodkins are specially provided for running these wide ribbons through lingerie bindings, but for the traveler who is prone to misplace her toilet utensils there are tag-ended ribbons which come in two-yard lengths.

While all the staple pink, blue, green, and yellow tints are still popular, ultra-fashionable girls are using old rose, vine, grape, dahlia, fuschia, emerald, and the various orchid shades in lingerie ribbons.

Some REASONS WHY
MEN LIKE WIDOWS.

From the Philadelphia Star.
A widow knows how to sympathize—how to make his stay so pleasant that when he does tear himself away his sole desire is to return.

She knows how to touch the sympathetic chord to make each one's particular pride vibrate.

Every man feels more or less pleased with himself if he gets off at the table what he considers a wise or witty remark. If his neighbors respond he feels proud and is doubly pleased, but if they only smile the tone of self-satisfaction gives away pianissimo. Now, a widow understands the witticism. His most platitudinous remarks are sure to start a symphony of smiles on her countenance.

As for him—she may say anything she pleases—if she is a fascinating widow, he never knows what she says, but only hears the music of her voice, as if her words were the text and her voice the melody of an Italian opera.

Baked "Birds' Nests."

Separate the whites and yolks of as many eggs as there are persons to serve. Beat the whites to a stiff froth, adding a tiny pinch of salt and pepper. Butter as many saucers as are required, and in each one place some of the egg white, shaping it into a nest. In the center of each nest drop an egg yolk. Pour over each a little melted butter and a few powdered bread crumbs or a little grated cheese. Put the nests immediately into the oven and leave them until the egg white is cooked through.

The Care of Dogs.

In the feeding and treatment of dogs a word of warning may be of benefit to the uninitiated. Cleanliness and correct sanitation are the greatest preventives of disease and ailments to which dogs kept somewhat confined and under unnatural conditions, are very subject. They suffer more from over than from under feeding.

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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

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Nelson Burson, of Philadelphia, and her house guest, Mrs. Albert Evans, wife of Rev. Albert Evans, now of Lockport, N. Y., but formerly of Washington.

Mrs. S. C. Smith, wife of Representative Smith, of California, and the Misses Smith will receive to-day from 4 to 6 o'clock. They will be assisted by their house guests, Miss Weill and Miss Criley, of California, and by Mrs. J. C. Needham, wife of Representative Needham, of California; Mrs. Charles Barker, and Miss Harris, of California.

Mrs. J. C. Burrows, wife of Senator Burrows, will hold her last reception of this season next Thursday afternoon, when she will be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. George McNear, of New York, and her niece, Mrs. F. E. Wadsworth, of Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Alexander R. Shepherd will receive this afternoon at her residence, 1917 Kalorama road.

Mrs. Power and Miss Mae Power will receive this afternoon at the Champlain.

Mme. Carbo, wife of the Minister of Ecuador, and the Misses Carbo will receive this afternoon at the legation, in I street.

Mrs. T. W. Simms, wife of Representative Simms, of Tennessee, will receive this afternoon for the last time this season.

Mrs. Guy Fairfax Whiting will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. Samuel T. Davis and Miss Winnifred Davis will receive for the last time this season at the Highlands this afternoon.

Miss Theresa Drexel returned yesterday from Annapolis, where she went to spend the week-end with friends.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Welhelmina A. Hartig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Hartig, to Mr. William Henderson Curand. The wedding is set for Thursday, February 3, at St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. A small reception in the home of the bride's parents will follow the ceremony.

Mrs. Charles Q. Tirrell, wife of Representative Tirrell, will receive this afternoon at the Portland.

Mrs. Charles Darwin Pennebaker and Miss Pennebaker will receive for the last time this season formally this afternoon.

Miss Lucinda Pennebaker has sent out invitations for a luncheon Saturday in honor of Miss Nancy Johnson and Miss Hendry Russell Johnson, daughters of Representative Johnson, of Kentucky.

Mrs. Barts, wife of Maj. Charles H. Barts, U. S. A., entertained at tea yesterday afternoon in her Washington home in honor of her house guest, Miss Olinger, of Iowa. It was distinctly an army tea, and drew together a large circle of friends in the army here and from Fort Myer and surrounding posts. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Wetherpoon, wife of Gen. Wetherpoon; Mrs. Laum, Mrs. John Hodges Rice, Mrs. Lloyd McCormick, Mrs. D. R. Anthony, Mrs. James Karrik, Miss Mattie, Miss Alice Margaret Knight and her house guest, Miss Aileen Gorgas, and Miss Willis.

Mrs. Sanford D. Kellogg has returned to the city and taken an apartment at the Richmond for the rest of the season. Mrs. Kellogg spent the early winter visiting friends in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Barklie, of Philadelphia, will spend the rest of the winter in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Myer Stern, of the Ashley apartments, are entertaining Miss Gertie Selig, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elliott Frause, of Baltimore, is a guest for a few days of her daughter, Mrs. Marx Kaufman, of the Lehigh apartments.

Miss Dorothy Williams will be in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras, where she will go with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leiter.

Miss Katherine Clabaugh, whose engagement to Mr. Beale Bloomer was one of the autumn announcements, will go to New York in a few days to visit Miss Charlotte Hopkins for a fortnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. McKenney entertained at dinner last night in honor

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Mrs. Frank H. Pelouse, of the Columbia apartments, is entertaining her niece, Mrs. Joseph S. Cole, of Kansas City, Mo., formerly Miss Margaret Davis.

On account of a severe cold, Mrs. Charles D. Walcott will not receive on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sims, of Tennessee, and Mrs. Lloyd, of Missouri, will receive to-day, in the home of the former, 1410 Massachusetts avenue.

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